



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Asotin County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Maureen L. Callahan** (RN00103018). Callahan failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Benton County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **J. Trini Rivera** (NAC.NC.10018306). Rivera performed a medical examination which is outside of his scope of practice and inappropriately touched a patient's genitals.

### **Chelan County**

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program permanently revoked the credential of **Stephen A. Pasion** (RC00060391). Pasion had sex with a patient on multiple occasions.

### **Clark County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Glenda J. Baxter** (RN00091791). Baxter's license to practice nursing in Oregon was revoked.

### **Cowlitz County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Bailey M. Giard** (NAR.NA.00190780). Giard failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Shana M. Hill** (LPN.LP.00050545). Hill gave medicine to a patient that was prescribed for another.

### **King County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Marcia Chase** (RN.RN.00089992).

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program suspended the credential of **Alexander J. Chun** (RC00058835). Chun logged and initialed he had visually checked on a patient when the patient had committed suicide before his shift began.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Pepper R. Clark** (NAC.NC.10101158). Clark failed to comply with a previous order.

In March 2009 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **Parivash Khajavi** (DENT.DE.00007998). Khajavi must comply with terms and conditions. She put her patients at risk by using equipment without evidence of proper sterilization.

In March 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with **George Mathew** (MD00033873). Mathew must comply with practice restrictions, terms, and conditions. He provided care that was below the standard for two emergency room patients.

In February 2009 the Chiropractic Commission indefinitely suspended the license of **Gary A. Palmer** (CH00001984). Palmer is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. He was convicted of threats to bomb or injure property after he told a neighbor he had a bomb and also made death threats.

### **Kitsap County**

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Sondra J. Marrow** (RC.RC.00058387). Marrow failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

### **Pend Oreille County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Bryan K. Dennis** (LPN.LP.00052774). Dennis' license to practice nursing in Colorado was revoked.

### **Pierce County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Lareina C. Larson** (NAR.NA.00200643). Larson failed to comply with a previous order.

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Ronald M. Roberts** (NAR.NA00121444). Roberts failed to respond to department inquiries about a complaint made against him regarding allegations of sexual misconduct.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Falesefulu S. Taupau** (NA00194482). While working at an adult care facility, Taupau failed to follow proper procedures when a patient went missing.

### **Skagit County**

In February 2009 the Pharmacy Board revoked the credential of pharmacy technician **Judee L. Joseph** (VA00057385). Joseph diverted drugs from her employer for her own use. She was convicted of felony prescription fraud and theft. She was also convicted of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, also a felony.

### **Snohomish County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Fatou M. Barron** (NA00145690). Barron applied for a job using a false social security number and other forged certificate items. Barron is also known as Fatou M. Barrow.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Cristina J. Chavez** (NAR.NA.00202045). Chavez had controlled substances in her car when she was stopped for driving without a license.

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Debra S. Nelson** (RN.RN.00079651). Nelson failed to comply with a previous order.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Linda S. Silence** (NAR.NA.00150036). Silence failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

### **Spokane County**

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Catherine D. Castor** (HCA.HC.00128663). Castor failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Thurston County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Darcy L. Lockard** (NAC.NC10041100). Lockard failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

### **Whatcom County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Joy J. Lawrence** (RN.RN00175084). Lawrence is prohibited from practicing nursing in Texas.

### **Out of State**

**Arizona:** In March 2009 the Medical Commission revoked the license of physician **Keith Levitt** (MD00036391). Levitt failed to comply with a previous commission order, diverted controlled substances, interfered with a commission investigation by making a misrepresentation, practiced below the standard of care, practiced medicine while summarily suspended, and was convicted in federal court for illegally acquiring and diverting controlled substances.

**Arizona:** In February 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Shane G. Roberts** (RN00153880). Roberts' license to practice nursing in New Mexico was revoked.

**Oregon:** In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Stacey L. Torgusson** (NAR.NA.00201103). Torgusson failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

**Texas:** In February 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Roberta Rigsbee** (RN00145658). Rigsbee was convicted a federal conviction of possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. She remains prohibited from practicing nursing in California and her license to practice nursing in Montana is also suspended.

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